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Innocents Abroad

Three Americans have been shot after a drumhead courts-martial in Cuba. Drumhead or not, they went into the area seeking fame and at least in one case, fortune. In a disorderly world, their deaths are to be regretted but they had no business engaging in forays, armed incursions, that could have led only to one conclusion, the final one.

Two Americans were arrested in Russia for alleged spying. They are both fairly young men. Both were released and we should be thankful for this. But they both went with the avowed purpose of "personal" spying and one said that he had planned to write a book on his research. His research consisted of trying to determine whether the Soviet Union is planning a war.

It's all very swashbuckling. But it can lead this nation into embarrassments that cannot easily be waived aside. In the case of the researcher, he was given a \$2,000 grant by a foundation to look into Russia's martial plans. Surely, with all the millions expended on our Central Intelligence Agency no amateurs need apply.

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